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REMARKS

Reconsideration of the application is respectfully requested for the following reasons:

1. Objection to Drawings

This objection has been addressed by amending Fig. 8 to add an arrow from the "All match" block to the "Checking the standby crew" block, and by reversing the arrow between the "Checking the standby crew" and "The required position is changed" blocks. Applicants will submit a corrected formal drawing upon approval by the Examiner of the proposed changes.

2. Rejection of Claims 1-13 Under 35 USC §112, 2nd Paragraph

This rejection has been addressed by changing "the disobedient cost" to –a disobedient cost–, and "the acquired samples" to –the acquired samples–, both in claim 1.

Having thus overcome each of the rejections made in the Official Action, withdrawal of the rejections and expedited passage of the application to issue is requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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